

Department of Permits Approvals and Inspections
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
Baltimore County, Maryland

In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 86862

Chante Atkinson

17 Pineknot Court

Respondent

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Baltimore County Code Enforcement Hearing Officer on January 12, 2011 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-7-310, 312; 13-4-201 (b)(d); Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) section 101, 102.1, 1B01.1, failure to store trash in trash cans with tight fitting lids, failure to remove trash and debris from residential property.

On December 6, 2010, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Jason Seidelman issued a Code Enforcement & Inspections Citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1st class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: Chante Atkinson, Respondent and, Jason Seidelman, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

A Correction Notice was issued November 19, 2010 to remove all accumulations of trash, debris and materials from property, to store garbage in cans with tight fitting lids. There have been nine visits to this property finding violations. This Citation was issued December 6, 2010.

The inspector testified that the problems occurring at this property are caused by the tenant and not the Respondent, Mrs. Atkinson. The Respondent testified that she has the situation with her tenant

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under control and that there should be no further violations going forward. The inspector recommended suspending the fine at this time. Having considered the testimony and evidence offered at the hearing;

IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that \$950.00 of the \$1,000.00 civil penalty be suspended, with an immediate \$50.00 fine imposed at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the remaining \$950.00 shall be suspended but shall be imposed if the property is not brought into compliance by the inspector's next inspection and, must remain in compliance to avoid additional Citations and civil penalties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if not paid within thirty days of billing, the civil penalty AND any expenses incurred by Baltimore County, as authorized above, shall be imposed and placed as a lien upon the property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County inspect the property to determine whether the violations have been corrected.

ORDERED this 18TH day of January 2011

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED
Timothy Kotroco
Baltimore County Hearing Officer

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: The Respondent is advised that pursuant to §3-6-301(a) of the Baltimore County Code, the Respondent may appeal this order to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order; any such appeal requires the filing of a petition setting forth the grounds for appeal, payment of a filing fee of \$150 and the posting of security to satisfy the penalty assessed.